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ENTERPRISES - PREPARATION OF NOVEMBER 1975 SESSION OF
UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, PARIS,
JULY 17, 1975

REFS: (A) STATE 130636, (B) OECD PARIS 15496

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN SENT BY MR DELORME
(FRANCE), CHAIRMAN OF THE OECD/CST AD HOC GROUP ON
MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, AND
THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT TO NATIONAL DELEGATIONS.

2. "AS YOU KNOW, A DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY IS BEING PREPARED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
UNCTAD. FOR THIS PURPOSE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP
OF EXPERTS WAS SET UP AND HELD A MEETING LATTERLY IN
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GENEVA FROM 5TH TO 16TH MAY 1975.

ON THIS OCCASION, THE GOVERNMENT EXPERTS BELONGING TO GROUP B COUNTRIES EXPRESSED THE WISH TO USE OECD FRAMEWORK AS A FORUM TO EXCHANGE THEIR POINTS OF VIEW. THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS NOTABLY THE SPOKESMAN OF THIS OPINION ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAST ADS AD HOC MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, WHICH WAS HELD IN PARIS AT THE CHATEAU DE LA MUETTE ON 3RD AND 4TH JUNE LAST. THIS PROPOSAL RECEIVED A FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE MEMBER COUNTRIES.

IN VIEW OF THE TECHNICAL CHARACTER OF THE QUESTIONS DEALT WITH AND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE TASK OF OF COORDINATION FALLING UPON NATIONAL AUTHORITIES, IT SEEMS THAT THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN OUR GROUP, WHICH HAS HAD TO FACE ANALOGOUS PROBLEMS RECENTLY.

INDEED, THE COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS SITTING ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS AND ON THE CSTP GROUP OF OECD IS NOT IDENTICAL, BUT THIS PROBLEM CAN BE EASILY RESOLVED BY AN APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE SESSIONS. (SEE UNCTAD, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON A CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, TD/B/C.6/AC.1/MISC.2.)

AS THESE ARRANGEMENTS APPEAR TO CONFORM WITH THE CONCERN EXPRESSED LAST MAY IN GENEVA, I WOULD SUGGEST, IF YOU ARE ALSO IN AGREEMENT, THAT A MEETING OF OUR GROUP, ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO THE WORK OF GROUP B TAKE PLACE, AS REQUESTED, BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ON 17TH JULY AT 10.30 AM.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WOULD BE TO PROCEED TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND TO PREPARE THE AGENDA FOR A SECOND MEETING WHICH SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

THIS SECOND MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CSTP AD HOC GROUP, ENVISGAED, AS YOU KNOW, FOR THE SECOND FORTNIGHT IN OCTOBER 1975 (AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED). THE RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS COULD THUS BE MADE KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WHICH HAS DECIDED TO DEVOTE PART OF ITS TIME TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (CES/UN(75)11) AT ITS NEXT SESSION (ALSO FORESEEN FOR NEXT OCTOBER)."

3. OBJECTIVE OF JULY 17 MEETING IS TO COORDINATE AND EXPEDITE AN EXPANDED GROUP B COUNTER-PROPOSAL, TO BE DRAFTED IN TIME FOR A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION AT A SECOND MEETING OF GROUP B COUNTRIES AT OECD PROBABLY UNCLASSIFIED

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LATE OCTOBER, PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER UNCTAD SESSIONS IN GENEVA.

4. THE MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE US BE REPRESENTED AT THE JULY 17 OECD MEETING BY ONE OF THE US GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS IN THE RECENT GENEVA EXPERT GROUP MEETING, DURING WHICH THE INITIAL GROUP B PROPOSAL WAS DRAFTED. IN THE MISSION'S VIEW, THIS WOULD HELP TO MINIMIZE RISK OF SIDE-TRACKING DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES NOT RELEVANT TO THIS STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUP B PROJECT FOR A COORDINATED COUNTER-PROPOSAL.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RE NOMINATION FOR JULY 17
MEETING.
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